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Serial No. 10/580,756
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors : George Kaladelfos
Serial No. : 10/580,756
Filing Date : May 26, 2006
Title : LIGATURE CARRIER

Group/Art Unit : Not yet assigned
Examiner : Not yet assigned
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Dear Sir:

This Petition is to request that the Response and Declaration filed by applicant in the above-referenced application be entered into the docket system and granted a filing date of April 10, 2007.

A Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 5, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application. This Response contained a properly signed Declaration (1 document, 2 pages) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.497(a) and (b) and a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the declaration for a small entity.

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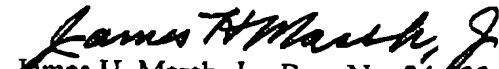
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Therefore, applicant requests entry of the Response and Declaration into the file wrapper and the filing date of April 10, 2007 be accorded these documents and that this application be moved forward in the application process. No fee is required for this Petition, however, if the Director determines a fee is needed, the Director is authorized to charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4409.

If the examiner has any questions regarding this Petition, it is respectfully suggested that applicants' undersigned attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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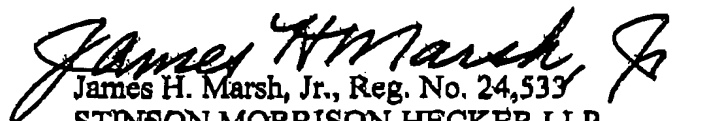
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Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 mailed on February 13, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, a properly signed Declaration (1 document, 2 pages) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.497(a) and (b) is enclosed. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the declaration for a small entity. In addition, a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 is enclosed as requested.

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